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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kenji NISHI, et al. GAU:

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REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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☐ Full benefit of the filing date of PCT Application Serial Number PCT/JP02/08386, filed August 20, 2002, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**: **Application No.** **Date Filed**

☐ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	MONTH/DAY/YEAR
Japan	2001-248797	August 20, 2001

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

☐ are submitted herewith

☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

☐ were filed in prior application Serial No. filed

☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number
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